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In response to the Office Action of March 31, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

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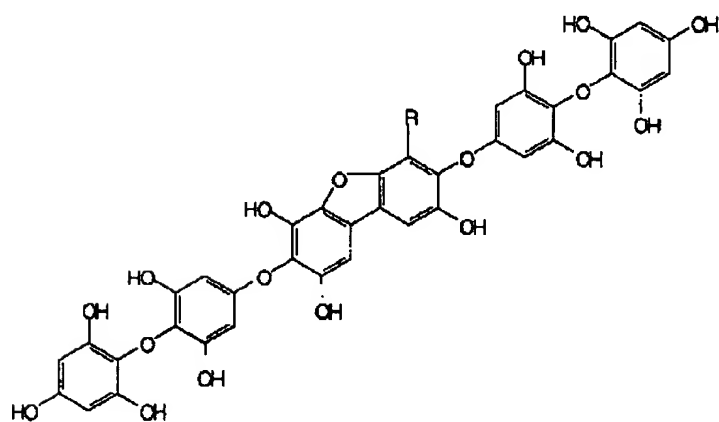
8. (Canceled)

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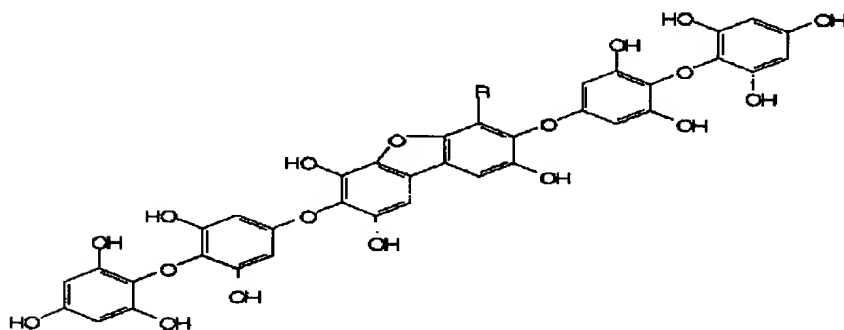
12. (Newly Added) An antioxidative compound represented by the following Formula I:
Formula I



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13. (Newly Added) A method for preparing an antioxidative compound represented by the following Formula I, which comprises the steps of:
- extracting *Ecklonia cava* one or more times using at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, acetonitrile, acetone, and an aqueous solution thereof;
 - fractionating the extract by using an aqueous 10 to 90 % methanol solution as a polar layer, and a linear or cyclic hydrocarbon solvent, an aromatic solvent or a mixture thereof as a nonpolar layer;
 - fractionating the aqueous methanol layer obtained in b) step by using an aqueous 10 to 60 % methanol solution as a polar layer and one or more ethers as a nonpolar layer;
 - fractionating the aqueous methanol layer obtained in c) step by using an aqueous 10 to 60 % methanol solution as a polar layer and chloroform, dichloromethane, or a mixture thereof as a nonpolar layer; and
 - separating and recovering the compound of Formula I from the aqueous methanol layer obtained in step d) by chromatography.

FORMULA I



14. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein step a) is repeated using the same or a different solvent

15. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the process further comprises dissolving the extract in ethyl acetate and/or methanol, followed by removing undissolved ingredients therein prior to step c).

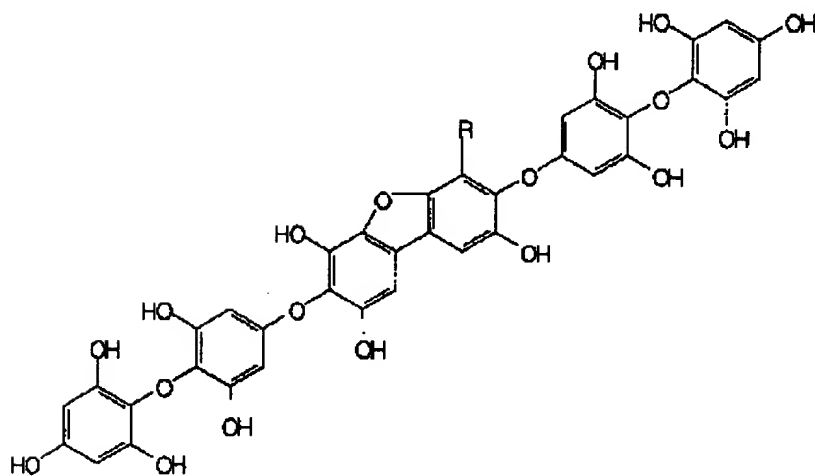
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16. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the chromatography is a medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) or a high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).

17. (Newly Added) A method for preparing an antioxidative compound represented by the following Formula I, which comprises the steps of:

- a) extracting *Ecklonia cava* one or more times using at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, ethyl acetate, acetonitrile, acetone, and an aqueous solution thereof;
- b) fractionating the extract by using an aqueous 10 to 90 % methanol solution as a polar layer, and hexane as a nonpolar layer;
- c) fractionating the aqueous methanol layer obtained in step b) by using an aqueous 20 to 40 % methanol solution as a polar layer and isopropyl ether as a nonpolar layer;
- d) fractionating the aqueous methanol layer obtained in step c) by using an aqueous 30 to 50 % methanol solution as a polar layer and chloroform as a nonpolar layer; and
- e) separating and recovering the compound of Formula I from the aqueous methanol layer obtained in step d) by chromatography.

Formula I



18. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 17, wherein step a) is repeated using the same or a different solvent

19. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the process further comprises dissolving the extract in ethyl acetate and/or methanol, followed by removing undissolved ingredients therein prior to step c).

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20. (Newly Added) The method as recited in claim 17, wherein the chromatography is a medium pressure liquid chromatography (MPLC) or a high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).
